PROPOSALS

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TWO COURSES

OF

LECTURES,

ON THE

UNIVERSAL PRINCIPLES AND DUTIES

OF

RELIGION AND MORALITY;

AS THEY HAVE BEEN DELIVERED IN MARGARET-STREET, CAVENDISH-SQUARE, IN THE YEARS 1776 AND 1777.

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THESE LECTURES were read on the Author's firſt Engagements in a Plan of Public Worſhip, which he ſtill purſues; from which all diſputable Doctrines are excluded; and where thoſe Moral Truths alone, which are acknowledged by all the World, are recogniſed and enforced.

THIS Plan has ever been conſidered as impracticable or dangerous, in the beſt Societies which have yet been formed. Philoſophers have *wiſhed* to ſubſtitute it for the various and contradictory Syſtems of unſocial and barbarous Superſtitions; and one Man, even among Kings, has had Intelligence and Humanity enough to *ſee* that by introducing it he might pull up by the Roots, moſt of thoſe noiſome Weeds which diminiſh the Proſperity and Happineſs of his People. But Hazards and Inconveniencies operating on the Paſſions of Fear and Selfiſhneſs; and the Love of Virtue, which in modern Times is only a *reflected Paſſion* operating on the Fancy, and producing only poetic and ſentimental Zeal, the attempt has never been made.